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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: CHANGING LIVES AROUND THE WORLD

Early in April, Bobby and I had the privilege of attending the *Global Connect Conference* in Orlando, Florida. This was sponsored by Samaritan's Purse in celebration of Operation Christmas Child. There were close to 4,000 people in attendance, with 129 countries being represented. The first evening was so uplifting as we had a parade of nations, with representatives carrying their country's flag. We were blessed with wonderful music (sung in five different languages), great speakers and a vibrant children's choir from Uganda. Some of the highlights of the conference were the testimonies of young adults who received shoe boxes as children. It was so inspiring to hear their stories and how receiving a gift-filled shoe box made such an impact on their lives.

As we gear up for another year of filling shoe boxes, we want to make you aware of some changes that have been made.

First of all, we can no longer pack candy or toothpaste. These two items have caused problems with customs and as a result have been holding up delivery of the shoe boxes. Since the purpose of the shoe boxes is to bring the gospel of Jesus to the children, it was decided to no longer include these items.

Also, the shipping cost has been raised from \$7.00 to \$9.00. You can include the shipping cost inside your shoe box (checks preferred) or you can pay online and print out your labels. If you use these labels, you will receive an email telling you the destination of your shoe box/boxes.

Samaritan's Purse has developed a very sturdy plastic shoe box that is now available. Bobby and I have ordered some and will make them available to you. The cost is \$1.50 per box. If you would like to use them, just donate the cost of the box/boxes to our church's OCC fund. We will also have the decorated cardboard boxes available, or you can use any shoebox (the lid wrapped separately from the bottom). Please use regular size shoe boxes and not boot boxes. (cont. on pg 2)



Dear church family,
Greetings in the precious name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I am writing a short article to you from sunny Venice, Florida. Janet and I are enjoying a short time here at the Gulf of Mexico. We were able to spend a few days with her sister Beth in Daytona on the way. We have been asking prayer for her struggle with cancer. Praise the Lord she was feeling so good while we were with her. We were able to spend a lot of time together and go out to eat several times as well. That was a real answer to prayer.



We will be home in a few days and looking forward to a new school year for all of our precious children. It is something that we all need to organize our schedules around; even those of us who no longer have children in the house. Our church begins a new Sunday School rotation. Our child care center begins a new year as well. We are nearly full in the Jesus Loves Me Childcare Center, but there are several openings left. Please pray for all of our Sunday School teachers and childcare workers as it is such a big responsibility.

I hope that all of you have had a relaxing and restful time away this summer. Now we are ready to get back to work. (ct on pg 2)



Anniversaries

- 3 Ray & Brenda Sommers
- 19 Sonny & Sara Hayes
- 19 Charles & Camille Hodanics
- 24 Thomas & Brenda Beman

Birthdays

- 1 Maria Cantler
- Jacque Everidge
- Andrea Walton
- 2 Eunice Veasey
- 3 Grace Cann
- Alivia Nickle
- 5 John Carr
- Thomas Shores, Sr.
- Christine Barton
- 6 Vincent Marvel
- George Deaver, II
- Nancy Hudler
- 7 Alice (Burns) Marvel
- 8 Danny Culver
- 9 Vickie Lawrence
- Esther Porch
- Joe Simpkins
- 10 Ruby Perry
- 14 Charles Harrington
- 15 Theresa "Terri" Keyes
- Rose Marie Porch
- John Richardson
- 16 Sarah Murray
- 17 Christopher "C.J." Aremu
- Charles Hodanics
- 18 Robert Brown
- Abigail Mears
- 20 Kevin Barker
- 21 Eliana Moyer
- 23 Duane Combs
- 25 Heather Lotman
- 26 Chrissie (Hall) Hilaman
- 28 Andrew Gibson
- 30 Seth Hammond

(Pastor cont from pg 1)
 We will recognize Labor Day Sunday, with a salute to all of our members who work at a job. If you have a business or prayer request you would like to share in the service please be prepared to do so. If you have a uniform that you wear to work why not plan to wear it Sunday? Well I told you I am on vacation so I am going to make this short and hopefully sweet. Goodbye from sunny Florida.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Steve

PS: Did you all get a chance to enjoy the eclipse? Isn't our God great?



Cecil County Pregnancy Center's Annual Banquet

"Miracle on High Street"
 When: Sun Oct 8 @ 1pm
 Where: North East Fire Hall
 Please see Dan Mohler to RSVP.



Annual Church Picnic

When: Sun, Sept 10 from 4pm-dusk (Rain date: 9/17)
 Where: North East Town Park (Crouch Pavilion)
 Please bring plenty of food and drinks to share. The church will supply paper products, utensils, and ice.

(OCC cont from pg 1)
 Once again our church will be a drop off location. The dates and times of collection week are as follows:

Monday, November 13th-
 Saturday, November 18th from 10:00am-4:00pm

Sunday, November 19th from 1:00pm-3:00pm

Monday, November 20th from 8:00am-12:00pm

We encourage you to become involved and to prayerfully fill a shoe box(es). These shoe boxes can change a life. Millions of children and their families have come to Christ because of this ministry. We also encourage you to enclose a picture and letter with your box. Once in a while a shoe box recipient does respond.

Nancy Hudler

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
						
3 9:20am: Breakfast	4 Labor Day	5 10:30am: Ministers' & Wives' fellowship @ Conowingo Baptist Church	6	7 10am: Ladies prayer group	8	9
10  4pm-dusk: Church picnic @ NE town park (Crouch Pavilion)	11	12	13 6:30pm: Kids Klub 6:30pm: Prayer Mtg/Bible study Business Mtg (after prayer mtg.)	14 10am: Ladies prayer group	15	16
September 10-17: Baptist Convention of MD/DE Week of Prayer						
17 4pm-dusk: Rain date for Church picnic	18	19	20	21 10am: Weekly choir practice resumes 11am: Ladies prayer group resumes its normal time	22	23
24 6pm: Barbara Sandbeck concert Deacons' Mtg (after 6pm service)	25	26	27	28	29	30
<i>I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. ~ Philippians 4:13</i>						



Missions Offering & Week of Prayer

September 10-17, 2016

State Goal: \$150,000

OUR CHURCH GOAL: \$1,000



How is the offering used to reach Maryland/Delaware?

100% for Missions & Evangelism Ministries/Strategies (Campus Ministry, Camp Evangelism, Disaster Relief, and Church-Planting)



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Prepared with love, especially for:



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES/EVENTS

Sunday

8:30a **WORSHIP**
 9:20a **Breakfast** (1st Sun, monthly)
 9:30a **Bible Study/Sunday School**
 10:30a **WORSHIP/Children's Worship**
 6p **Monthly** Last Sunday **WORSHIP**
 6p Youth Ministry Mtgs.

Tuesday

11a Worship Committee Mtg. (4th Tues)
 5:30p Praise & Worship Team Practice

Wednesday

6:30-7:30p Kids' Klub—grades 2-6
 6:30-7:30p **Prayer/Bible Study**
 BUSINESS Mtg (2nd Wed—after Prayer Mtg)

Thursday

10a Choir Practice
 11a Ladies' Prayer Time

Budget/Attendance Analysis

Budget/General Fund
 Weekly Average as of
 8/20/17(33 wks): **\$3,611.**

Needed Weekly: **\$3,566.**

Budget Status: **\$1,479.**

PARKING LOT FUND
 received to date: **\$35,740.**

We have 3 revised parking lot
 fund goals: **\$20,000** (PTL);
\$30,000 (Glory to God);
\$47,745 (Hallelujah!).

Audio/Visual Fund: \$536
 received to date.

Average morning worship
 attendance: 6/18/17-
 8/20/17:

